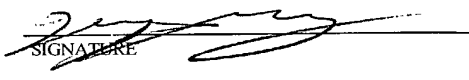


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A SLIDE PROJECTOR

PRIORITY CLAIM

The present application claims priority to international application number PCT/GB00/03735, filed on September 29, 2000, entitled A SLIDE PROJECTOR.

5 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a slide projector, and more specifically to a portable planetarium projector for use in the home.

BACKGROUND

As we move into the next Millennium, there is an increase in the already high
10 interest in the scientific study of astronomy, and also in astrology. Many people visit exhibitions and shows which demonstrate, in simple terms, the movements of stars and other celestial bodies during an hour, day, month or year. Such demonstrations are usually held in large areas and in front of large audiences, due to the complexity and cost of the planetarium required in order to demonstrate the astronomy as accurately as
15 possible.

A planetarium has, by dictionary definition, a projector that projects the positions and movements of stars and planets on to a hemispherical domed ceiling in order to simulate the night sky to an audience seated below. Although this definition stipulates a the presence of a hemispherical domed ceiling, a planetarium, for the purposes of this
20 specification, should be interpreted to include a substantially planar display surface.

Hereto, all mechanical planetarium projectors use spherical or hemispherical surfaces on which a star field representation is held before being projected onto a dome shaped surface. A computer-based planetarium projector is known, which has a star field projected from a flat computer screen, as described for example in UK Patent No.
25 2,050,775. The software is, however, written for the projection of the star field image onto a domed surface.

The problem with all current planetarium projectors is that purpose-built domed auditoria must be built in order to accurately display the night sky, with the all the celestial bodies in their correct orientations and positions.

Temporary domed structures, such as large inflatable domes, of about 3.5 to 4.5 meters diameter, can be filled with air to demonstrate astronomy, although experts are required to run the demonstration, and the costs can be as large as £10,000. Such planetariums are more suitable for hiring by schools to demonstrate simple astronomy
5 to their pupils.

A children's toy is currently available that comprises a bulb within a transparent ball that may provide some sort of night sky display, when projected on to an outside surface. This is very much limited to being a toy, however, and does not provide an accurate projection for the purposes of studying astronomy.

10 A conventional planetarium projector comprises a spherical body located around a central light source. The spherical body has an array of pinholes in its surface, through which light is projected from the internal light source. The pinholes do not have any lens assembly. This leads to a projection of dim and fuzzy star, and celestial body, representations.

15 Furthermore, conventional planetarium projectors require a great deal of skill and training to be operated effectively.

There are currently no accurate planetarium projectors available that are suitable for use by an individual in the home, due to the size, complexity and cost of planetarium projectors, and the requirement for a large domed surface on which to project the star
20 field.

The present invention seeks to alleviate the aforementioned disadvantages by providing a slide projector that is portable, easy to use, of reasonable cost, and is suitable for use by an individual, or individuals, in the home. In particular, the present invention eliminates the necessity for a domed surface on which to project the night sky
25 in the case of planetarium projector.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, there is provided, a slide projector comprising projection means for directly projecting an image from a slide perpendicularly onto a projection surface, the projection means being such that the projected image of the slide lies, in use, in a substantially planar projection surface, the projection means comprising a light source
30 and at least two vertically juxtaposed slides, parallel to each other.

Preferably, images are projected vertically from the slide onto a substantially planar projection surface and the slides are in the horizontal plane.

In a preferred embodiment, the slide projector comprises two vertically-juxtaposed slides, parallel to one another in the horizontal plane.

5 Preferably, one of the slides is rotatable while the other slide remains in a fixed position. Alternatively, both slides may be rotatable or both slides may remain in fixed positions.

The slide projector may also have means for retaining the slides in a set position, preferably by providing an air flow above and below the slides. Preferably, the slides
10 are retained due to a sub-atmospheric pressure that is formed below the slides.

Preferably, the slide will display images of astronomy such as starfields and other celestial bodies

Preferably still, the fixed slide is one that, in use, displays an image of the sky's horizon. The rotatable slide is preferably one that, in use, displays the image of night
15 sky showing a starfield and/or various other celestial bodies.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A planetarium projector constructed in accordance with the present invention will now be described in detail, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which :

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the planetarium projector, when in its closed position;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the planetarium projector, when in its open position;

Figure 3 is cross sectional view taken through A-A of Figures 1 or 2; and

25 Figure 4 is a diagrammatic representation showing the internal components of the planetarium projector of Figures 1 to 3.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Referring to Figure 1, the planetarium projector comprises a hollow hemispherical lower portion 1 and a hollow hemispherical upper portion 3. Preferably, the portions are
30 made from plastics material. The lower portion 1 is mounted on a base 5, in the form of a ring, which is able to receive the lower portion, such that the lower portion can be positioned stably thereon and is able to be oriented through a limited angle range. The

lower portion 1 may be provided with several indentations with which to receive the upper edge portion of the base 5, to achieve better stability.

The upper portion 3 is formed in first and second hemispherical parts 7 and 9. The first part 7 is fixedly attached to the inner wall of the second part 9, and protrudes downwards therefrom. The upper hemispherical portion 3 is pivotally mounted on the lower portion 1 such that the first part 7 is slidable within the lower portion.

The upper portion 3, therefore, can be retained in an open position, as shown in Figure 2, wherein the first part 7 of the upper portion is slid into the lower hemispherical portion 1 such that a bottom rim 14 of the second part 9 abuts an upper rim 13 of the lower portion 1. When the upper portion 3 is in its opened position, the interior of the planetarium projector is easily accessible.

Alternatively, the upper portion 3 can be retained in a closed position, as shown in Figure 1, wherein the first part 7 of the upper portion 3 is not slid into the lower portion 1, such that the two parts 7, 9 form a hemisphere mounted over, and covering, the lower hemispherical portion 1. At this point, a rim 11 of the first part 7 abuts the upper rim 13 of the lower portion 1.

The upper portion 3 has a large aperture 15 through which light can be transmitted from a light source within the planetarium, and images can be subsequently projected on a surface. The lower and upper portions 1, 3 of the planetarium are attached together to form a hollow sphere.

In an alternative embodiment (not shown), the upper portion 3 is formed in first and second parts 7 and 9. The first part 7 is fixedly attached to an inner wall of one side of the lower portion 1 and protrudes upwards therefrom. The second part 9, forming a substantial part of the entire hemispherical upper portion 3, is pivotally mounted on the lower portion 1 so as to be slidable over the first part 7.

All the components of the projector are located within the hollow sphere. Referring to Figure 4, a plastic base plate 17, having a diameter substantially equal to that of the lower hemispherical portion 1, is fixedly attached to the top of that portion. Thus, the base plate 17 divides the upper and lower hemispherical portions 1, 3.

Referring to Figures 3 and 4, the base plate 17 has, mounted thereon, means for mounting two vertically-juxtaposed transparent slides 19, 21. The mounting means include, a rotatable carousel 23, on which the top slide 19 is positioned. The carousel

The projecting lens 27 is located within a mount 28 adjustably mounted on the lens plate 15, and protruding upwardly therefrom. The projecting lens 27 is positioned such that images on the transparent slides 19, 21 can be projected onto a display surface (not shown). The exterior of the projecting lens mount 28 has a screw thread which engages with a horizontal aperture in the lens plate 15 attached to the upper hemisphere portion. The projector operator is able to rotate the lens mount 28 to move the lens 27 vertically in order to achieve focusing of the image on the projection surface.

A transformer 51, within the projector sphere, provides low voltage to the light bulb 29, the motor 25 and a fan 53, from a mains supply. The transformer 51 additionally provides ballast weight to keep the hollow sphere stable and upright on the base ring 5. One or more further cooling fans are provided within the planetarium sphere in order to keep the components within the sphere sufficiently cool. An aperture 55 is provided in the surface of the upper portion 3, which allows the warmed air to exit the sphere. The ventilation fan(s) 53 cause sub-atmospheric air pressure to develop in the lower hemispherical portion 1. This, in turn, causes the higher air pressure, formed in the upper hemispherical portion 3, to gently push down on the slide 19. The resultant force firmly seats the slide 19 in its position, and prevents it from moving vertically, thus avoiding the re-focusing operations usually necessary with conventional slide projectors.

Referring back to Figure 3, the base plate 17 has a ball compass 59 formed integral therewith. This allows the projector to be correctly aligned with magnetic north, such that the projected night sky can accurately reflect the orientation of the stars for the current date and time. The carousel 23 is circular and has, circumventing its perimeter, a time dial 61. In use, the top slide 19 rests in a mount 26 that rotates within the carousel 23, and is initially aligned to the correct date using the time dial 61. The time dial 61 is then aligned, together with the slide mount 26, to the correct time with the aid of an arrow marked on the base plate 17. Once positioned correctly, the top slide 19 rotates together with the carousel 23 at a predetermined speed, set by a carousel speed control 63 formed integrally with the base plate 17. As the top slide 19 rotates, above the fixed bottom slide 21, varying images will be emitted from the slides and on to a planar surface (not shown).

An audio tape, compact disc or the like may also be provided to provide narration as the planetarium is in operation.

Due to the nature of the invention, models of varying complexity can be envisaged for different applications. Two examples of such models are detailed below.

5 A "Junior" model has been produced, having a reduced number of components resulting in reduced price and function. Such a model may be suitable as a child's toy or for soothing illumination of a ceiling of a room in the home. The images of stars and the like, projected onto a ceiling may also be used as a stencil for correctly placing phosphorescent glow-in-the-dark stars available from toy shops. This model is,
10 preferably, battery powered with a low-wattage lamp. The lenses are preferably made from plastics material. The model does not require a motor or gearing (although the carousel and slide mount will still be rotatable manually) or a ventilation fan.

A "Professional" model has also been constructed which is intended to be used by teachers, and people putting on shows for larger audiences. The control mechanisms of
15 this model are, preferably, operated from buttons exterior to the main planetarium structure by a remote control unit. A relay box in the control unit has a plurality of relays, each being operatively associated with a button to actuate a planetarium mechanism. The carousel 23 also has additional speed settings (for example two minute full rotation) and a switch to rotate the carousel in both directions. Carousel speeds may
20 be selected from the remote control unit. Preferably, this model also has the facility for the operator to remotely change slides. In this case, a plurality of rotatable carousels 23 may be provided on the base plate 17. The base plate 17 may rotate on bearings, thereby bringing each carousel, in turn, into the path of the projected light.

Furthermore, the Professional model, preferably, includes the facility for inaudible
25 ultrasound pulses recorded in an audio program designed to run concurrently with the planetarium to automatically operate the controls of the planetarium.

Although the specific description relates to a planetarium projector, it is clearly envisaged that the invention can be incorporated into any slide projector presentation to show, for example, movements of various items in relation to a fixed horizon or
30 background.

Claims

1. A slide projector comprising projection means for directly projecting an image from a slide perpendicularly onto a projection surface, the projection means being such that
5 the projected image of the slide lies, in use, in a substantially planar projection surface, the projection means comprising a light source, at least two vertically juxtaposed slides parallel to each other, and a projecting lens movable between a first position, directly above the at least two slides, and a second position away from the first position, thereby to allow easy access to the slides.
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2. A slide projector according to claim 1, wherein the image is projected vertically from the slide onto a substantially planar projection surface.
3. A slide projector according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the at least two slides are
15 in the horizontal plane.
4. A slide projector according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the projector means comprises rotation means for rotating at least one of the slides.
- 20 5. A slide projector according to claim 4, wherein the rotation means is in the form of a rotatable carousel.
6. A slide projector according to claim 5, wherein the rotatable carousel is able to rotate the slide at a predetermined speed.
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7. A slide projector according any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the projection means further comprises mounting means for holding at least one of the slides in a fixed position.
- 30 8. A slide projector according to claim 7, wherein the fixed slide is positioned directly below the rotatable slide.

9. A slide projector according to claim 8, wherein the projection means further comprises means for retaining the slides on the carousel and the mounting means respectively, and for keeping the slides in close contact therewith.
10. A slide projector according to claim 9, wherein the retaining means further comprises means for providing of an air flow above and below the slides.
11. A slide projector according to claim 10, wherein the air flow providing means is such as to provide a sub-atmospheric pressure below the slides, thereby retaining them in their respective position.
12. A planetarium having a slide projector constructed in accordance with any one of the preceding claims.
13. A planetarium according to claim 12 when appendant to claim 7, wherein the fixed slide is such as to display, in use, an image of a night horizon.
14. A planetarium according to either of claims 12 and claim 13 when appendant to claim 4, wherein the rotatable slide is such as to display, in use, an image of a starfield.
15. A planetarium according to claim 12 or claim 13, wherein the rotatable slide is such as to display, in use, an image of a planet and any celestial bodies associated therewith.
16. A planetarium according to claim 12 or claim 13, wherein the rotatable slide is such as to display, in use, an image of a solar system and any celestial bodies associated therewith.
17. A slide projector as substantially hereinbefore described and illustrated by the accompanying Figures.
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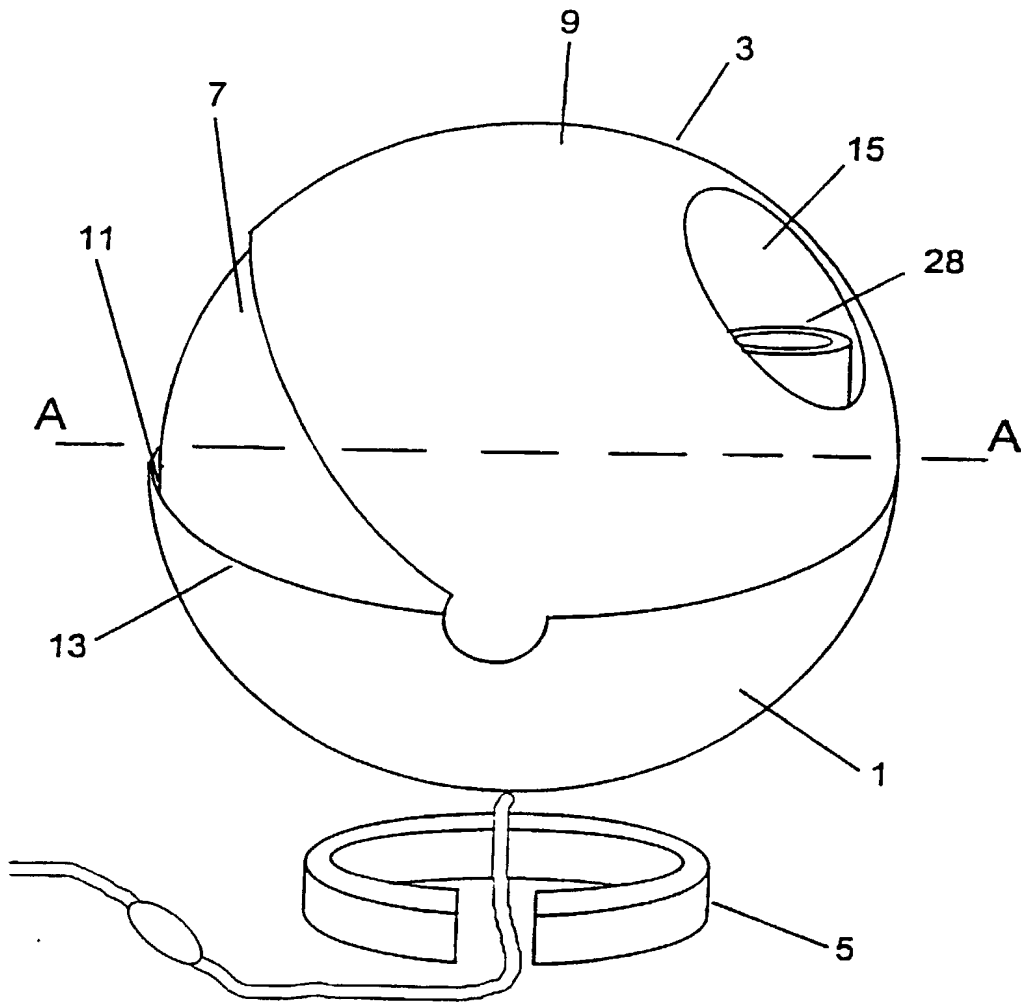


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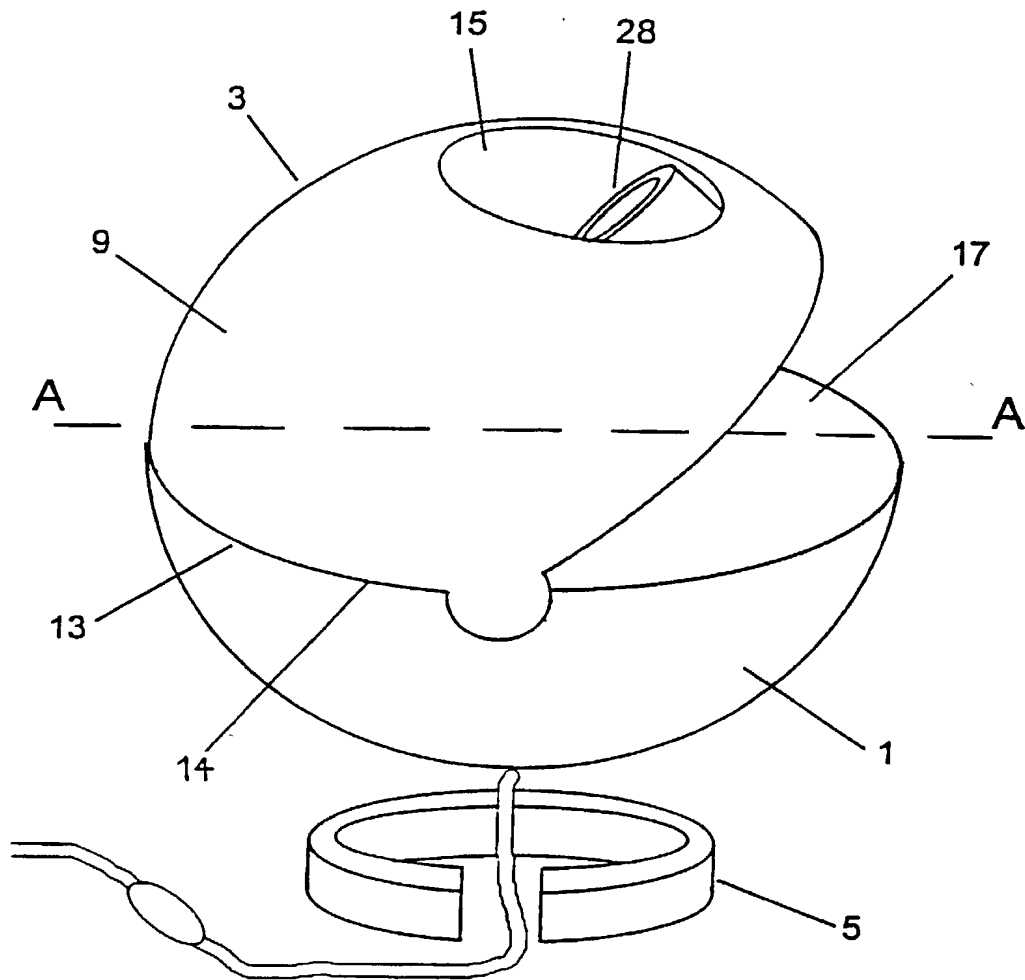


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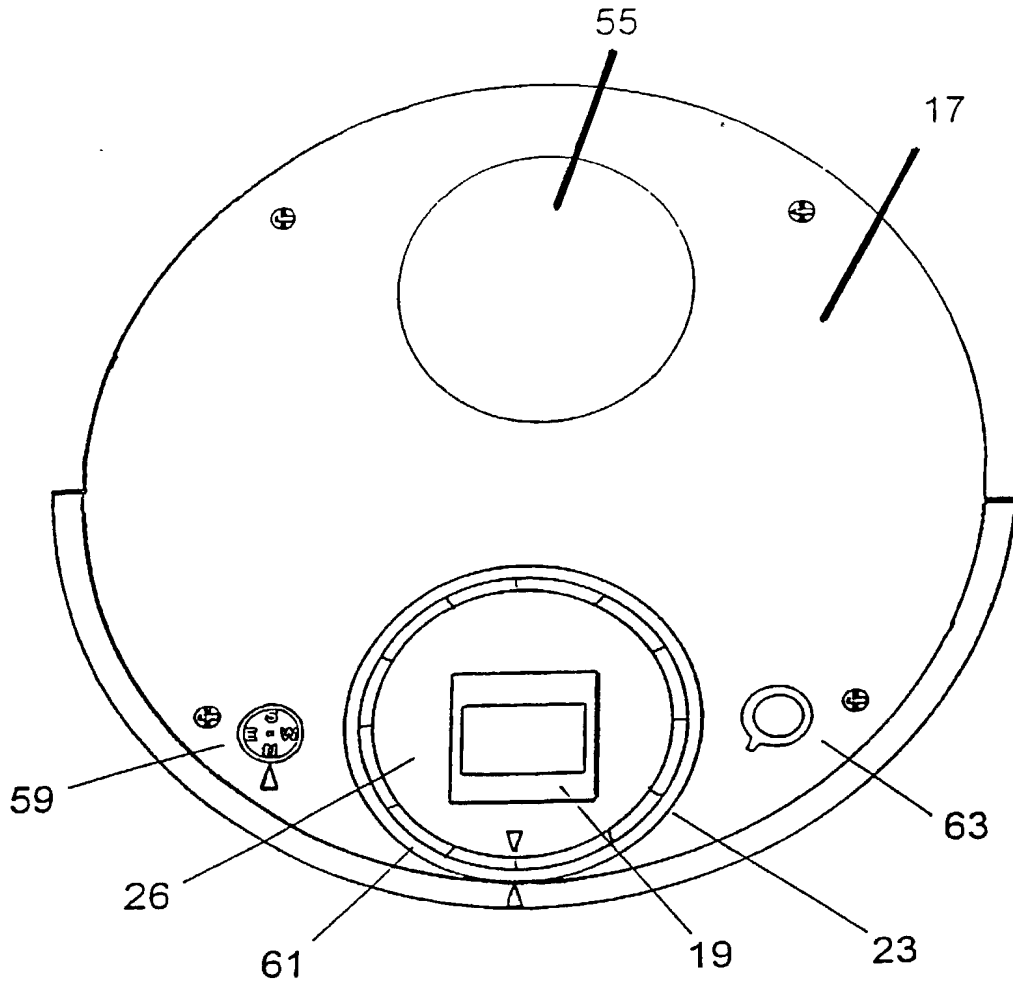


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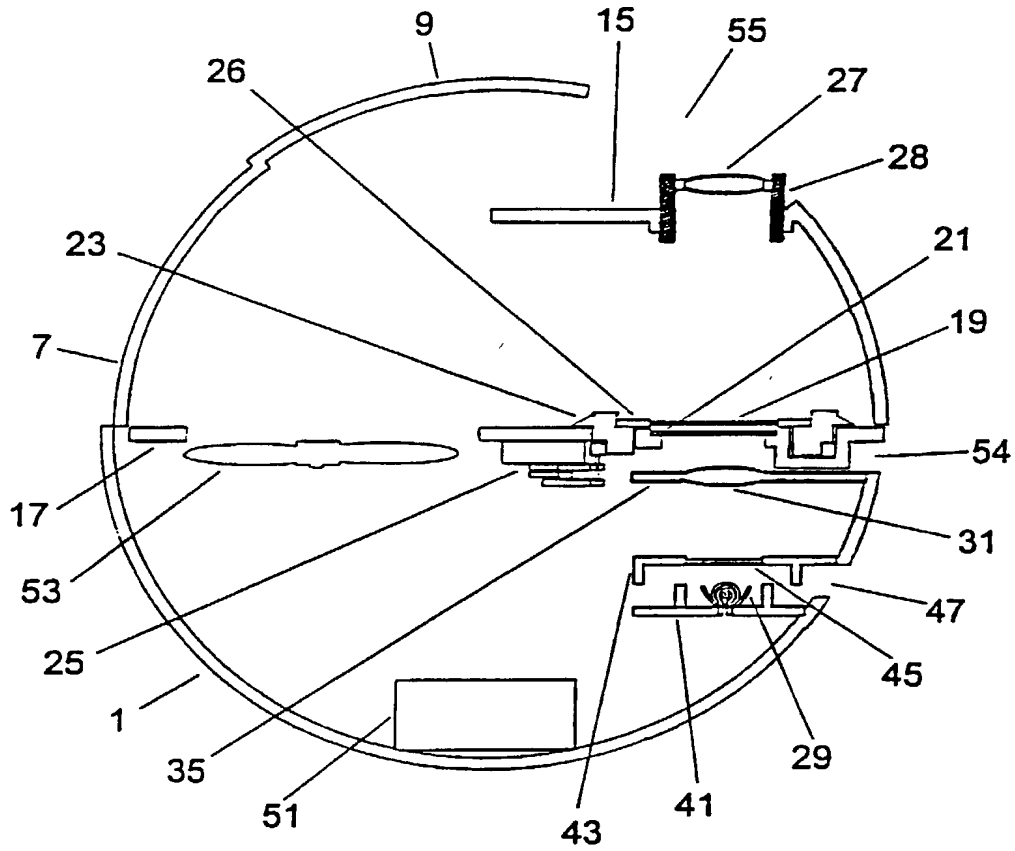


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